



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/726,856	12/07/2003	Sharat Singh	033.06-1US

33603
 ACLARA BIOSCIENCES, INC.
 1288 PEAR AVENUE
 MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043



CONFIRMATION NO. 5950

FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000013314921

Date Mailed: 07/22/2004

NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
 - Papers must be legibly written either by a typewriter or mechanical printer in permanent ink or its equivalent in portrait orientation on flexible, strong, smooth, non-shiny, durable, and white paper. Application papers must be presented in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing thereon to permit the direct reproduction of readily legible copies in any number by use of photographic, electrostatic, photo-offset, and microfilming processes and electronic reproduction by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition. Pages 1-70 are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a).
- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). See Figure(s) 23E.
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1C, 2, 3B, 5-7, 14, 15, 17A, 17C, 17D, 17G, 17H, 17I, 19B, 22, 23B, 23E, 23G, 25B, 25D, 28C, 32, 33, & 34.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

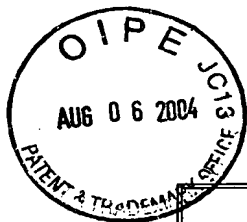
*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

N. Mohammed

Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY



CERTIFICATION OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mail Label No. EV 436 053 227 US

Date of Deposit: 06 August 2004

Virginia Griffith
Virginia Griffith

I hereby certify that this paper or fee and accompanying documents referred to below are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Case No. 033.06-1US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Singh et al

Serial No: 10/726,856

Filed: 02 December 2003

For: METHODS EMPLOYING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-BINDING
E-TAG PROBES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: 1656

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS AND
REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed 22 July 2004, Applicants submit the following:

1. Substitute Specification consisting of 70 pages.
2. Substitute set of Drawing consisting of 44 sheets.

Applicant also would like to request a Corrected Filing Receipt. The filing receipt incorrectly lists Foreign Application AUSTRIA 576/98 04/03/1998 as a prior Application. Applicant requests that the correction be made and a new, corrected filing receipt be sent to applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Macevicz
Reg. No. 30,285
Attorney for Applicants
Telephone: (650) 210-1223